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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This issue contains various matters required to be circulated to members thirty days before the Annual Meeting, including in particular certain Constitutional Amendments and the Report of the Nominating Committee.

Nominations for Officers.—The first by-law of the association requires that blanks shall be provided upon which additional nominations by members may be made. As post-office regulations prevent enclosing a separate slip, members desiring to present such nominations are requested to do so in the following form:

I hereby nominate the following names for the offices mentioned:

President.

Vice-President.

Councillors.

(not to exceed ten)

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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held at the Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Saturday and Monday, December 27 and 29, in connection with the meetings of the American Historical Association, the American Political Science Association, the National Municipal League, etc. Vice-President H. A. Aikins and Professors A. R. Hatton, E. J. Benton, and S. B. Platner of Western Reserve University are serving as a local committee. Announcements from them will probably be circulated to local branches in advance of the meeting. The provisional program is as follows:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Statler Hotel

9.00 A. M.—Meeting of the Council.

Registration.

10.00 A. M. to 12.00 M.—*First Session.*

(1) Roll Call of Committees. Informal reports of progress

from committees not having special assignments in the program.

- (2) Report of Committee on Delegate Representation.
- (3) Discussion* of Report of Committee on Methods of Recruiting the Profession.
- (4) Presentation of New Business.
- (5) Appointment of Committee on Resolutions and Auditing Committee.

12.00 M.—Meeting of Committee on Resolutions.

12.00 M. to 2.00 P. M.—Informal reception and luncheon.

2.00 P. M. to 5.00 P. M.—*Second Session.*

- (1) Discussion* of Reports of Committees on Promotion of Research, and on Apparatus for Productive Scholarship.
- (2) Report of Committee on Pensions and Insurance.

Discussion of reports already published in the BULLETIN.

- (3) Preliminary Report of Committee on Place and Function of Faculties.

6.00 P. M.—An *Informal Dinner* may be arranged.

8.00 P. M.—Meetings of the Council, and of Standing Committees.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

9.00 A. M.—Meeting of the Council.

9.30 to 12.00 M.—*Third Session.*

- (1) Reports from the Officers.
- (2) Recommendations from the Council.
- (3) Preliminary Report of Committee on the Economic Condition of the Profession.
- (4) Report of the Committee on Resolutions.
- (5) Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers.
- (6) Constitutional Amendments.
- (7) Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business.

Meeting of the Council for 1920.

12.30 P. M.—*Subscription Luncheon* with members of the American Historical Association with an address by President Lovejoy on the Work of the Association of University Professors.

* Based on special topics printed in the (May and October) BULLETINS and circulated to Local Branches with a view to formulating expressions of opinion of the Association on the fundamental principles involved.

The Executive Committee will welcome proposals from Local Branches for the insertion of other items in the final program.

Members are reminded of the desirability of bringing to the meeting copies of the BULLETIN containing reports and matters of business which are to be discussed.

Transportation.—Negotiations are in progress with the United States Railroad Administration for reduced rates on behalf of the American Historical Association, the American Political Science Association, National Municipal League, and the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, which are meeting at Cleveland at the same time. Definite information is not yet available but members coming from a distance may inquire at the nearest railroad station.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

LENGTH OF SERVICE, Article II.—The Council recommends that Section 1 be amended by making the required length of service five years instead of ten. The adoption of this amendment would carry with it the discontinuance of section 3, making a special class of nominees eligible on the basis of five years' service. The question will probably come up in connection with this amendment as to reducing the requirement still further to three years. (See page 28.) One Local Branch has recommended abolishing it altogether.

TERM OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND OF SECRETARY, Article III.—The Council recommends the amendment of this article to make the term of office of the President and of the Secretary two years, with the understanding that so far as may be convenient these terms shall expire in alternate years.

CHANGE OF DUES, Article VII.—This question was laid over at the last annual meeting. In connection with it, attention is called to the Financial Statement on page 41.

DELEGATE REPRESENTATION.—A recommendation from the special committee for a new article providing for some system of delegate representation at the annual meetings is expected.

For discussion by local branches the chairman of the committee has drawn up the following brief summary of the situation based on the communications from members of the committee so far received:

1. There seems to be pretty general agreement that each local institution should have the privilege of sending one delegate to the

annual meeting, quite regardless of the size of the membership in a given institution.

2. Granting this, there remains the question whether such a delegate should have a single vote, or a number of votes proportionate to the membership which he represents; if the latter alternative is chosen, the unit for voting purposes should be ten, or a majority fraction thereof, so that, for example, a delegate representing 100 members would have ten votes.

3. Broadly speaking, the committee seems to favor disregarding the possibility of the smaller institutions controlling an undue proportion of the votes. Certainly the smaller institutions should be encouraged to send delegates; and any attempt to equalize the voting power of delegates with reference to the membership represented involves undesirable complications in the method of voting.

4. Although there is some slight variation of opinion regarding votes by mail or proxy, the general drift is against such methods of voting except in so far as a ballot by mail from all individual members of the Association should be encouraged whenever the annual meeting of the Council sees fit to order such a vote.

5. The committee is inclined to think that the question of expenses of the delegate must be left to the local institution, with the understanding that the financial adjustment will vary in different institutions according to circumstances.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee presents the following recommendations for officers for 1920:

President, Edward Capps (Classical Philology), Princeton,
Vice-President, Vernon L. Kellogg (Zoölogy), Stanford, Chairman,
Division of Educational Relations, National Research Council,
Secretary,* H. W. Tyler (Mathematics), Massachusetts Institute of
Technology,

Treasurer,* Harris Hancock (Mathematics), Cincinnati.

Members of the Council (to serve until December 31, 1922):

E. P. Cheyney (History), Pennsylvania,
Max Farrand (History), Yale,
H. B. Fine (Mathematics), Princeton,
J. H. Gray (Economics), Minnesota,
R. W. Husband (Latin), Dartmouth,
George Lefevre (Zoölogy), Missouri,
J. C. Merriam (Geology), California,

* These officers hold over, having been elected for three years in each case.

W. A. Noyes (Chemistry), Illinois,
J. T. Patterson (Zoölogy), Texas,
R. B. Perry (Philosophy), Harvard.

(Signed) E. G. CONKLIN (Princeton)
E. R. HEDRICK (Missouri)
J. H. LATANÉ (Johns Hopkins)
E. L. NICHOLS (Cornell)
L. J. RICHARDSON (California)

Nominating Committee.

AMERICAN FELLOWSHIPS IN FRENCH UNIVERSITIES.—A pamphlet just received from the Society states its purpose, the conditions of awards and the by-laws. The Society has been organized by friends of French science and learning to assist in establishing, in its proper place of eminence in the mind of the American public, the standing and repute of French scholarship. It hopes to direct a stream of American students to the French universities by the award of a number of fellowships each year. While it is planned by this direct method to secure among American scholars a better appreciation of the contributions of the French universities to science and learning, the more important result that the Society hopes to attain is that those peoples of the world who cherish the same ideals of democracy, justice and liberty will come to know each other better, to understand and appreciate more fully each other's character and aims, to seek larger benefits from each other's labors and achievements in various fields of human activity, and more and more to co-operate in the realization of their common hopes and ambitions.

Further information may be obtained from Dr. I. L. Kandel, Executive Secretary, 576 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Bulletin No. 15, U. S. Bureau of Education, deals with the Adjustment of the Teaching Load in a University (L. V. Koos, University of Washington).